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1. SUMMARY. FLN PARTY WEEKLY "REVOLUTION AFRICAINE" STRONGLY CON-
DEMNS U.S. POLICY IN AFRICA IN COVER STORY ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S
TRIP. POSTULATING THAT U.S. POLICY TOWARDS CONTINENT HAS SHOWN NO
CHANGE OF SUBSTANCE SINCE PRESIDENT CARTER CAME TO OFFICE, MAGA-
ZINE ALLEGES THAT PRESIDENT'S TRIP WAS MOTIVATED BY NEED TO FIND
AFRICAN REGIMES CAPABLE OF DOING AMERICA'S "DIRTY WORK" AND TO
"CALM" BLACK AMERICANS. TAKING PASSING SWIPE AT WHAT IT SEES AS
U.S. SUPPORT FOR FRENCH "MILITARY PRESENCE" IN WESTERN SAHARA, MAG-
AZINE THEN GOES ON TO ALLEGE THAT PRESIDENT'S STOP IN LAGOS WAS
MEANT TO ENLIST NIGERIA'S ASSISTANCE IN HORN OF AFRICA AND SOUTHERN
AFRICA. GENERAL TONE OF ARTICLE IS SHARPER THAN ANYTHING ALGERIAN
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PRESS HAS WRITTEN ABOUT U.S. IN RECENT TIMES. END SUMMARY.

2. "REVOLUTION AFRICAINE", FLN PARTY WEEKLY ORGAN IN FRENCH, CON-
DEMNS U.S. POLICY IN AFRICA STRONGLY IN COVER STORY ON PRESIDENT
CARTER'S TRIP ENTITLED "WHAT MAKES CARTER RUN" IN APRIL 5-11 ISSUE.
MAGAZINE POSTULATES THAT U.S. POLICY TOWARDS CONTINENT HAS
CHANGED ONLY IN FORM AND STYLE, NOT SUBSTANCE, SINCE PRESIDENT CAR-

TER CAME TO OFFICE: "THOSE WHO EXPECTED SOME CHANGE IN AMERICAN POLICY TOWARDS AFRICA HAVE YET TO BE SATISFIED. MR. CARTER, WHO HAS JUST VISITED NIGERIA AND LIBERIA, DID NOT SHOW LEAST INTENTION OF CHANGING U.S. POSITION ON MAIN AFRICAN PROBLEMS.... ANTI-COMMUNISM EVIDENTLY REMAINS ONE OF ELEMENTS OF AMERICAN POLICY IN AFRICA. IT IS IN NAME OF SUCH A CRUSADE THAT U.S. GOES ON SUPPORTING REACTIONARY AFRICAN REGIMES.... BASICALLY, SUBSTANCE OF U.S. AFRICAN POLICY HAS NOT CHANGED. MR. CARTER HAS SIMPLY ADJUSTED BETTER TO CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED ON AFRICAN CONTINENT. PROOF IS IN PROBLEM OF SOUTHERN AFRICA...."

3. MAGAZINE ALLEGES THAT PRESIDENT'S TRIP WAS MOTIVATED BY NEED TO FIND AFRICAN REGIMES CAPABLE OF DOING AMERICA'S "DIRTY WORK" IN AFRICA: "AMERICANS SEEM TO BE IN SEARCH OF AFRICAN PARTNERS LIKELY TO DO THEIR DIRTY WORK FOR THEM.... INDEED LAGOS HAS ALL ATTRIBUTES FOR PLAYING ROLE U.S. WANTS TO MAKE IT PLAY.... LITTLE INCLINED TO USE GUNBOAT DIPLOMACY, CARTER'S AMERICA SEEKS RECOURSE TO OTHER, CERTAINLY LESS VIOLENT, BUT MUCH MORE PERNICIOUS, MEANS.... DRAWING ON THINKING OF FAMOUS 'TRILATERAL COMMISSION' ... CARTER'S AMERICA ACTS ON 'MULTILATERAL BASIS' TO FACE CRISIS SITUATIONS. WE HAVE ALREADY SEEN THIS NEW FORM OF AMERICAN INTERVENTION IN AFRICA AT WORK IN ZAIRE."

4. MAGAZINE TAKES SWIPE AT WHAT IT SEES AS AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR FRENCH "MILITARY PRESENCE" IN WESTERN SAHARA: "WHILE WAITING TO FIND RELIABLE AND CREDIBLE AFRICAN PARTNERS, AMERICA CONTINUES TO UNCLASSIFIED

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RELY ON WESTERN EUROPE, ESPECIALLY GISCARD'S FRANCE.... IN FACT, TODAY IN WESTERN SAHARA AS YESTERDAY IN SHABA, FRANCE CONTINUES TO PLAY LEAD ROLE ON BEHALF OF U.S. HOW ELSE CAN FACT THAT WASHINGTON CONTINUES TO CONDEMN 'EXTRACONTINENTAL MILITARY PRESENCE' OF CUBA IN ETHIOPIA WHILE MAINTAINING COMPLETE SILENCE ON FRENCH MILITARY PRESENCE IN WESTERN SAHARA CONFLICT ... BE EXPLAINED? IN FACT, IN THIS VERY ISSUE OF WESTERN SAHARA, STAKES OF WAR CLEARLY DEFINE U.S. SIDE. IN SPITE OF 'MORALIST FACADE' OF MR. CARTER'S GOVERNMENT, WHICH SHOULD MAKE IT KEEP ITS DISTANCE FROM REPRESSIVE, ANTI-POPULAR REGIMES, AMERICAN MILITARY AID TO MOROCCO HAS JUST GONE FROM 30 MILLION DOLLARS TO 45 MILLION DOLLARS FOR FY 78...."

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5. MAGAZINE ALLEGES THAT PRESIDENT'S STOP IN LAGOS WAS MEANT TO ENLIST NIGERIA'S SUPPORT IN HORN OF AFRICA AND IN SOUTHERN AFRICA: "FACT THAT NIGERIA IS MEMBER OF AOAU MEDIATION MISSION ... IN SOMALI-ETHIOPIAN CONFLICT LEADS US TO BELIEVE THAT AMERICAN PRESIDENT SURELY RAISED CONFLICT IN HORN OF AFRICA IN LAGOS.... U.S. SUFFERED SERIOUS DEFEAT IN THIS REGION.... THIS DOES NOT ALL MEAN THAT AMERICANS ARE GOING TO SIT WITH ARMS FOLDED IN FACE OF TRANSFORMATION AND VICTORY OF ETHIOPIA...."

6. "IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, WHICH IS KEYSTONE OF U.S. AFRICAN POLICY, MR. CARTER GOES SO FAR AS TO ACCEPT AFRICAN NATIONALISM IN ITS MOST RADICAL FORMS.... BUT INSTEAD OF RECOGNIZING THAT AFRICAN NATIONALISM IS PITTED AGAINST COLONIALISM, MESSRS. CARTER AND YOUNG DECLARE THAT CENTRAL ISSUE IS RACISM FIRST AND FOREMOST.... MR. YOUNG COMPARES SITUATION OF AFRICAN POPULATIONS TO THAT OF BLACKS IN U.S. AND COMPARES THEIR STRUGGLE TO THAT OF BLACK AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT OF 1960'S* THIS FALSIFICATION OF HISTORY AT LEAST HAS UNCLASSIFIED

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MERIT OF REVEALING TRUE AIMS OF U.S. IN ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA, AND EVENTUALLY IN SOUTH AFRICA.... BEHIND THESE EFFORTS TO IMPOSE SOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO ALL IS DESIRE TO ARRANGE ECONOMIC FUTURE OF ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA, AND SOUTH AFRICA.... IF THESE PLANS BECOME FIRM, ALL OF SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA WILL AGAIN JOIN IMPERIALIST EMBRACE.... ONE MAY ASK WHY MR. CARTER WENT TO AFRICA IN PERSON. TO REMOVE OBSTACLES TO THESE PLANS? THIS IS POSSIBLE, TO DEGREE THAT NIGERIA ALSO SEEMS TO PLAY ROLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.... WHITE HOUSE IS TRYING TO LIMIT DAMAGE AND PREVENT INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST SOLIDARITY FROM COMING TO BEAR AS IT DID IN ANGOLA AND ETHIOPIA."

7. FINALLY, MAGAZINE ALSO ALLEGES THAT TRIP MAY HAVE BEEN MEANT TO
"CALM" BLACK AMERICANS: "CARTER'S TRIP ... MAY ALSO A HAVE BEEN MOTIV
ATED

BY INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION IN U.S. MR. CARTER WAS ELECTED TO
PRESIDENCY THANKS NOTABLY TO VOTES OF BLACK AMERICANS.... IN
GOING TO BALCK AFRICA, MR. CARTER IS TRYING TO CALM THE BLACK POP-
ULATIONS OF AMERICA."

8. COMMENT: AS IS OFTEN THE CASE, FLN PARTY PRESS IS TAKING TOUGHER
ANTI-AMERICAN LINE THAN GOVERNMENT-OWNED PRESS, ALTHOUGH BOTH
TYPES ARE OFFICIAL IN THAT GOA DETERMINES THEIR EDITORIAL POLICY
THROUGH FLN PARTY STRUCTURE AND THROUGH MINISTRY OF INFORMATION.
BE THIS AS IT MAY, ABOVE ARTICLE IS MORE VIOLENT THAN ANYTHING
ALGERIAN PRESS HAS WRITTEN ABOUT U.S. IN RECENT MONTHS.
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